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(Public Health)

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READ - the following papers.

G.O.Ms.No.1949, P.H., dated 16th August 1943.
G.O.Ms.No.35, P.H. dated 5th January 1944.
G.O.Ms.No.3614, P.H. dated 31st October 1947.
Government Memorandum No.46473 G2/48-1, P.H. dated 25th June 1948.

ORDER:- No.4236, P.H. dated 13th December 1948.

In their orders Nos.1949, P.H. dated 16th August 1943 and 35, P.H. dated 5th January 1944, the Government asked the Presidents of District Boards to make increased provision for the supply of medicines at the rate of Rs.720 per annum for each rural dispensary of Modern Medicine and at Rs.600 per annum for each rural dispensary of Indian Medicine begining from 1944-5, till the cessation of hostilities. As the cost of medicines and other articles continues to be high even after the close of the war, the Special Officers of District Boards have been asked in G.O.No.3614, P.H. dated 31st October 1947, to continue to make increased provision in their budgets for the supply of midicines to rural dispensaries at the enhance rates specified in the two Government Orders referred to earlier

2. The Government have recently examined in consultation w the Special Officers of the District Boards, the Surgeon Genera and the Special Officer for the Reorganization of the Department of Indian Medicine the question whether the existing allotment for medicines for rural dispensaries is adequate or whether it requires any further increase. They observe from the reports received that generally many of the District Boards for one reason or other are not spending in full, even the amounts now provided for medicines and that there is no evidence to show tha the rural dispensaries have gone at any time short of supply. The Government therefore do not consider it necessary to enhance for the present, the existing provision for the supply of medicines to rural dispensaries.

3. With a view, however, to ensure that even the existing allotment for medical stores is not left unspent in any year, the Government issue the following instructions:-

(1) The Special Officers of District Boards are requested to ensure that the rural dispensaries in their districts are always adequately stocked with medicines, etc., Sufficient stock of medicines and equipment required for a year should invariably be included in the annual indent for supply of medicines. The indents should be regularly sent to the Medical Stores Depot, Madras, in time by strictly adhering to

to the latest programme of dates prescribed by Government.

(ii) The Surgeon General and the Special Officer for Reorganization of the Department of Indian Medicine are requested to take steps to see the annual indents made on the Medical Stores Depot, Madras, for supply of medicines, etc., for the rural dispensaries are complied with by the Stores as expeditiously and as fully as possible. If any of the articles indented for by the District Board are not readily available with the Stores, the latter should send intimation about it immediately to the District Boards concerned to enable them to purchase these items locally if necessary before the provision made for supply of medicines for the year lapses.

(iii) The District Medical Officers and Inspecting Officers, during their inspection of the rural dispensaries should pay special attention to see that the dispensaries are adequately stocked with medical stores and equipment. If they find any dispensary short of stock, they should bring the matter to the notice of the District Board concerned. The rural medical practitioner himself should also on his own initiative, address the District Board for the replenishment of stocks, sending copies of his requisitions to the District Medical Officer concerned. The Surgeon General is requested to issue necessary instructions in this regard to the District Medical Officers concerned.

(iv) Whenever the stock of medicines in any rural dispensary goes short the need for a sufficient quantity of which could not have been anticipated earlier while submitting the annual indent or whenever any of the articles indented for on the Medical Stores Depot, Madras, could not be got either due to the non-availability of these articles with them or for immediate use, the Special Officers of District Boards may, in such cases, replenish the required stock of medicines, by transfer of these articles from any of the dispensaries in the district where they may perhaps be found in excess of the normal requirments or by local purchase in consultation with the District Medical Officer concerned.

(v) The rual medical practitioner in each rural dispensary shold be required to send to the District Board and the District Medical Officer concerned, a quarterly return of stock of the medical stores in his dispensary so as to enable the replenishment of the stocks fallen short wherever necessary, at least once in a quarter in the manner indicated above.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

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